

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 13-26 were presented for examination in the present application. Non-elected claimed 11-12 were previously cancelled. Thus, claims 1-10 and 13-26 remain pending for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment. Claim 1 is independent.

Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the restriction requirement and the acceptance of the amended drawings.

The specification has been amended in the manner suggested by the Office Action, as well as to correct translation formatting errors present in the listing of reference numerals observed by the Applicants. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification are respectfully requested.

Claim 24 has been amended in the manner suggested by the Office Action. Applicants submit that this amendment merely makes explicit what had been implicit in the claim. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 24 are respectfully requested.

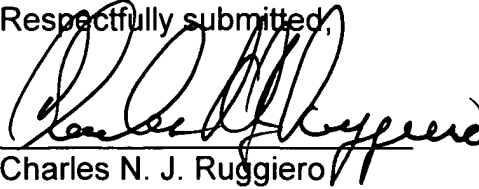
Claims 1-10 and 13-26 were only rejected under 37 C.F.R. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-2, 22, 24, and 26 have been clarified to ensure proper antecedent basis for each claim element. It is submitted that these amendments merely make explicit what had been implicit in the claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to the claims are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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